

T. R. I. P. Program Information



What does TRIP stand for? Tuition Reduction Incentive Program

How does TRIP reduce my tuition?

The TRIP program purchases bulk quantities of gift certificates and gift cards from various merchants. The certificates/cards are then sold to participating families at face value, with a rebate being passed on to individual accounts in the form of a tuition credit. The school family will receive 75% of the rebate while the remaining 25% will be retained to cover the costs of the program.

How much could I actually save on my tuition with TRIP?

EXAMPLE:		Spent Monthly	%	Savings
Food:	Giant Eagle	\$ 500	4.5%	\$ 22.50
Gas:	Speedway	\$ 200	4.5%	\$ 9.00
Dinners:	Applebee's	\$ 30	10.0%	\$ 3.00
	Max & Erma's	\$ 40	18.0%	\$ 7.20
Entertainment:	Blockbuster	\$ 30	7.0%	\$ 2.10
Clothes:	Casual Corner	\$ 100	19.0%	\$ 19.00
	Payless Shoes	\$ 50	13.0%	\$ 6.50
Household:	Home Depot	\$ 100	3.0%	\$ 3.00
	Kohl's	\$ 100	4.5%	\$ 4.50
	AT&T	\$ 30	20.0%	\$ 6.00
TOTALS ==>		\$ 1,180		\$82.80

Annual savings credited to your account:

\$683.10

(\$82.80 x 75% x 11 months)

How do I get started?

- Complete a [VCA TRIP Registration Form](#) and turn in to the TRIP box in the hallway at the school. You can download them from the website or get them from the Business Office.
- Complete an [order form](#) to order your certificates. Enclose a check for the exact amount made out to "VCA TRIP." Your order form must be turned in to the TRIP box in the school office by **Wednesday at 9am** each week!
- [Pick up](#) your certificates at school after 9am the following Wednesday, or have them mailed or have them sent home with your student on Wednesday afternoon.
- [Call](#) all your family and friends and see if they would be willing to use TRIP certificates/cards for their purchases to further increase your savings potential! TRIP certificates usually do not expire and can be used by friends and family out of state at the appropriate vendors. Their savings can be applied to YOUR tuition account!

How do I use the certificates/cards?

The certificates are considered like cash and cannot be replaced, so be careful! If your certificates/cards are lost or stolen, it is not possible to reissue them. VCA and the TRIP program managers will **not be held responsible** for lost or misplaced certificates. Many merchants will not give

back change, so you may wish to purchase smaller denominations. JC Penney and Kohl's are the only stores that will allow you to pay off your credit card bill with their certificates, so please do not attempt to pay off any other credit card bills with TRIP certificates.

How will I actually receive my tuition credit money?

VCA will credit your tuition bill for your earnings (which reduces your tuition bill) on your December and May tuition statement.

Registrants may direct their tuition credits to their own personal account, the account of another family, or to the VCA Tuition Assistance Fund. Participants may receive additional credit by placing orders for relatives, friends, or co-workers. Grandparents may register in the program but they must designate one family to receive the credit for an entire year.

Credit may only be used toward your tuition costs. If your student leaves the school for any reason, your tuition credit dollars may be credited to your outstanding tuition balance, or to the VCA Tuition Assistance Fund. Written notice of where funds should be credited must be received within 60 days of the child leaving school or the funds will be transferred to the VCA Tuition Assistance Fund.

Are there any additional costs?

Anyone writing a non-sufficient fund check will incur a fee of \$25.00. The fee will have to be paid or deducted from your TRIP earnings before the next order can be submitted.

Disclaimers:

A disclaimer of responsibility must be signed on the registration form if you think there will ever be a time during the year that you would like your certificates released to your child.

- If you sign the disclaimer you still have the option of picking up your weekly order **yourself**.
- You may have certificates/cards sent home with **another student** if that disclaimer is signed.
- You may have **another adult** pick them up for you. If you agree with a friend or relative that you will accept the responsibility of having certificates/cards sent home from school with their student, you must both sign the disclaimer form.

Whenever certificates are released, they must be signed for by a student, yourself, or another adult. Please be aware of the risk involved in sending certificates/cards by mail or home with students.

Neither the VCA nor TRIP managers, will accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or misplaced certificates, and the **will not be replaced**.

If you have any questions, please call the Business Office at 330-562-8191.